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Another year
has come and gone,
time really does fly

The best part is
we're all still here —
healthy, happy, and
hopefully wiser!

Happy Anniversary

Liquid Eyes!

2012

Chapter 2

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Charm-Colored Game

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Charming colored Game
2nd Roll
艶色游戯
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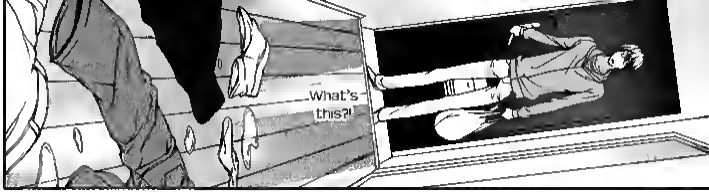
ding-dong
CAN I COME IN?
I'm still in the middle of cleaning
...IS THAT SO?
I ARRIVED A LITTLE EARLIER THAN WE AGREED BUT I JUST COULDN'T WAIT.
YOU HAVEN'T EATEN YET, HAVE YOU?
THAT'S RIGHT. I WANTED TO EAT TOGETHER WITH YOU

HOW ABOUT WE GO TO THE NEARBY RAMEN SHOP?
THERE WERE A LOT OF PEOPLE WAITING IN LINE, SO IT MUST BE GOOD
That filthy place ..? Well, it does seem popular but...
There's no way I'm gonna eat anything there!
UH... WHY DON'T I MAKE DINNER TONIGHT?
REALLY? I'M SO HAPPY!
I'LL GO BUY SOME INGRE-DIENTS
TAKE A BATH WHILE I'M OUT, IF YOU WANT
ALRIGHT, I WILL
HE'LL PROBABLY EAT ANY-THING..
Clank

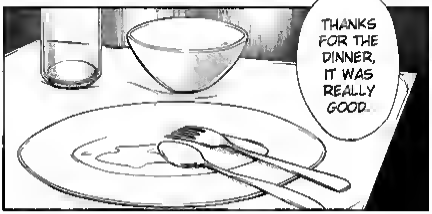

What's this?!

AH, WELCOME BACK!

UWAH!
splash

Don't lie on your stomach!! Your THING is touching the sofa!
I'LL BE FINE I USUALLY DON'T PUT ANYTHING ON WHEN I'M AT HOME
IF YOU DON'T DRY YOURSELF PROPERLY AND PUT ON SOME CLOTHES YOU'LL CATCH A COLD
roll
JUST GO PUT SOMETHING ON ALREADY!

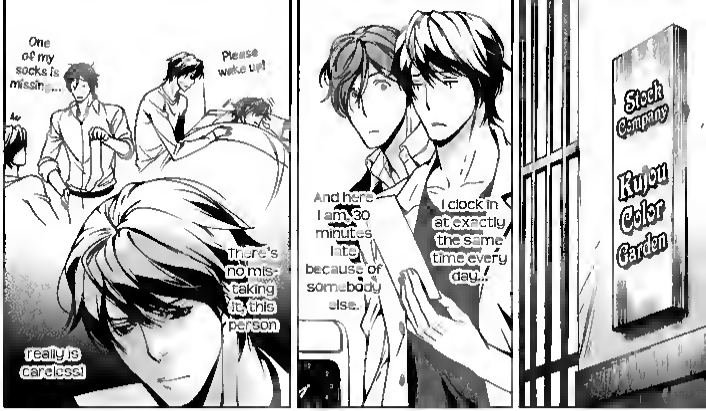
UM... I LEFT A TOWEL FOR YOU IN THE BATH
You did?!
OH YEAH, I USED IT. THANKS!


THANKS FOR THE DINNER, IT WAS REALLY GOOD.

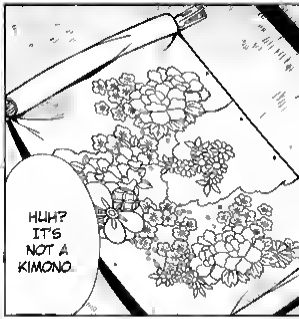
stare
...WHAT IS IT?

I WAS JUST THINKING THAT GLASSES SUIT YOU TOO.
This is bad He's creating a strange atmosphere...
SHOULDN'T YOU GO TO BED?
HUH? BUT IT'S STILL EARLY
IF YOU DON'T SLEEP ENOUGH, TOMORROW'S WORK WILL WEAR YOU OUT QUICKLY.
...I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.
THEN FEEL FREE TO USE THE ROOM ON THE RIGHT

IS HE REALLY THAT CARELESS?
He walks around in a towel.
He walks around wet.
on top of that he's a nudist.
Squirt
Squirt


One of my socks is missin....
Please wake up!
There's no mistaking it, this person
really is careless!
And here I am, 30 minutes late because of somebody else.
I clock in at exactly the same time every day...
Stock Company
Ryuou Color Garden

THERE ARE VARIOUS SHADES OF RED, GREEN AND BLUE DYES AS A RULE WE TYPICALLY USE WARM COLORS, LIKE RED OR YELLOW, FOR FLOWERS AND COLD ONES, LIKE GREEN OR BLUE, FOR GRASS.
THE DYES BLUR BEYOND THE LINES, SO BE SURE TO DRY THE CLOTH BY THE FIRE AS YOU PAINT.

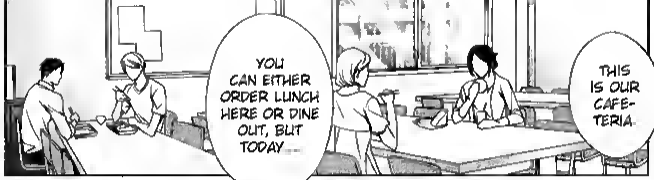

HUH? IT'S NOT A KIMONO.

YOU NEED TO PRACTICE WITH TAPESTRIES FIRST
He wouldn't be able to handle a kimono right from the start.

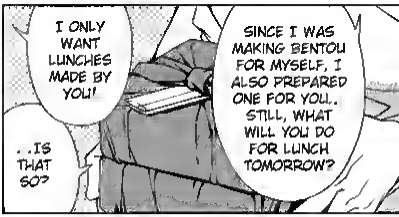
Wah, grey?! I just told him to use warm colors on flowers!
splat
WELL THEN...
The President told me to let him do as he pleases.
Oh, who cares.
How should I deal with him? He's a rather problematic trainee.
I NEED TO CONTINUE WITH MY OWN WORK, SO IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU NEED, PLEASE CALL ME
OK, LET'S SEE NOW...
MASAYUKI, I'M DONE, COULD YOU HAVE A LOOK?
OK, I GOT IT.

That was awfully fast, did he paint it all?
it's beautifully painted
Moreover, the base color works perfectly with the grey shades he used I never would have thought to use such an outlandish color scheme
THIS IS HOW IT TURNED OUT, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I'M GLAD!
TO BE HONEST, I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS HALF BAD, EITHER..
CONSIDERING IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME, I THINK IT'S REALLY PRETTY

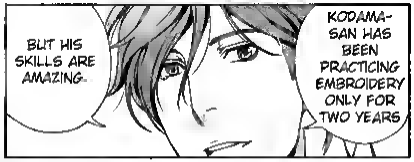
AH, PRESIDENT...
HOW ARE YOU TWO DOING?
HMM. I SEE YOU WENT FOR A CHIC MODERN STYLE
THIS IS QUITE A NICE PIECE OF WORK.
It should be hard to even paint properly at first.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
...I UNDERSTAND. IN THE AFTERNOON, WE'LL MOVE ON TO KIMONOS.
KATASE, MATCHING PATTERNS ON KIMONOS IS DIFFICULT SO BE SURE TO HELP HIM.
Well, I guess it's only natural since he's doing so well right from the start.
How long did it take me to be able to paint a kimono?
EH?!
I THINK IT'S SAFE TO LET HIM DO THE CLOTHS FOR KIMONOS.


YOU CAN EITHER ORDER LUNCH HERE OR DINE OUT, BUT TODAY...
THIS IS OUR CAFE-TERIA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP DURING MY VISIT.
...AH, YOU'RE THE LAD FROM THAT TIME.


I ONLY WANT LUNCHES MADE BY YOU!
SINCE I WAS MAKING BENTOU FOR MYSELF, I ALSO PREPARED ONE FOR YOU.. STILL, WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR LUNCH TOMORROW?
..IS THAT SO?

EH?!
OH, LET'S SIT THERE!
PLINK


KODAMA-SAN HAS BEEN PRACTICING EMBROIDERY ONLY FOR TWO YEARS
BUT HIS SKILLS ARE AMAZING.

Kodama-san doesn't like this kind of situation
UM, DELICIOUS, DELICIOUS.
DOESN'T HE NOTICE THE "DON'T GET NEAR ME" AURA?

YES, I KNOW. HE'S A SPLENDID CRAFTSMAN, WHO CAN HANDLE ANYTHING CONCERNING KIMONO MANUFACT-URING
FROM DRAWING THE DESIGN TO GILDING WITH GOLD FOIL
YOU'RE BEING TOO KIND...

.....
KODAMA-SAN, DID YOUR WIFE PREPARE YOUR LUNCH HERSELF?
This man, who remains calm regardless of whatever may happen at work, really deserves respect.
Oh shit.
OF COURSE
WELL THEN, EXCUSE ME
CLUNK
KODAMA-SAN AND HIS WIFE DIVORCED LAST YEAR, AFTER BEING MARRIED FOR A LONG TIME.
EH, IS THAT SO?
OH GEEZ... THAT WAS RUDE OF ME, EVEN IF I DIDN'T KNOW.

IT'S CLEAN YOU DON'T NEED TO SWEEP EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY
...No, stop it. He used to work in design so it's obvious he's skilled... That's all.
To think that he so easily pulled off a job that would have taken me so long...
IT MAY LOOK CLEAN, BUT IT'S PRETTY DUSTY
THIS WAY YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE THE DUST!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Pull
AH!

SHOULD WE HAVE FUN IN A MORE EXCITING WAY?
I TOLD YOU NOT TO DO ANYTHING WEIRD!
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOU THAT WAY SO IT'S BOTHERSOME!
PULL?
...IS IT?
I WON'T STOP UNTIL YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH ME, YOU KNOW
He's so persistent, even after I rejected him so plainly!
Whatever... Once he finds out about my real nature, he'll lose interest like everyone else.

THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK!
WE'LL BE LEAVING NOW
OH BY THE WAY, THE SALES DEPARTMENT WILL BE HOLDING A DRINKING PARTY SOON. FUJINAMI-SAN PLEASE COME IF YOU HAVE THE TIME
OF COURSE, I'D LOVE TOO SEE YOU THEN

THERE ARE SO MANY SHOPS AROUND HERE, IT REALLY SETS A GOOD MOOD AT NIGHT. I LIKE IT
OH, RIGHT. I SHOULD TAKE SOME PICTURES

HOW IS IT? ARE YOU GETTING USED TO THE WORK?
YEAH, EVERYTHING IS VERY NEW TO ME, SO IT'S ALSO INTERESTING

YOU'RE ALREADY SO FRIENDLY WITH EVERYONE, IT'S AMAZING.
THERE'S NOTHING AMAZING ABOUT IT, I'M JUST BEING MYSELF.
...BUT YOU KNOW,
When I'm being myself, people around me run away...
THE PERSON I REALLY WANT TO BE FRIENDLY WITH
AND WHOM I WANT TO LOVE ME WON'T EVEN SPARE ME A SECOND GLANCE.

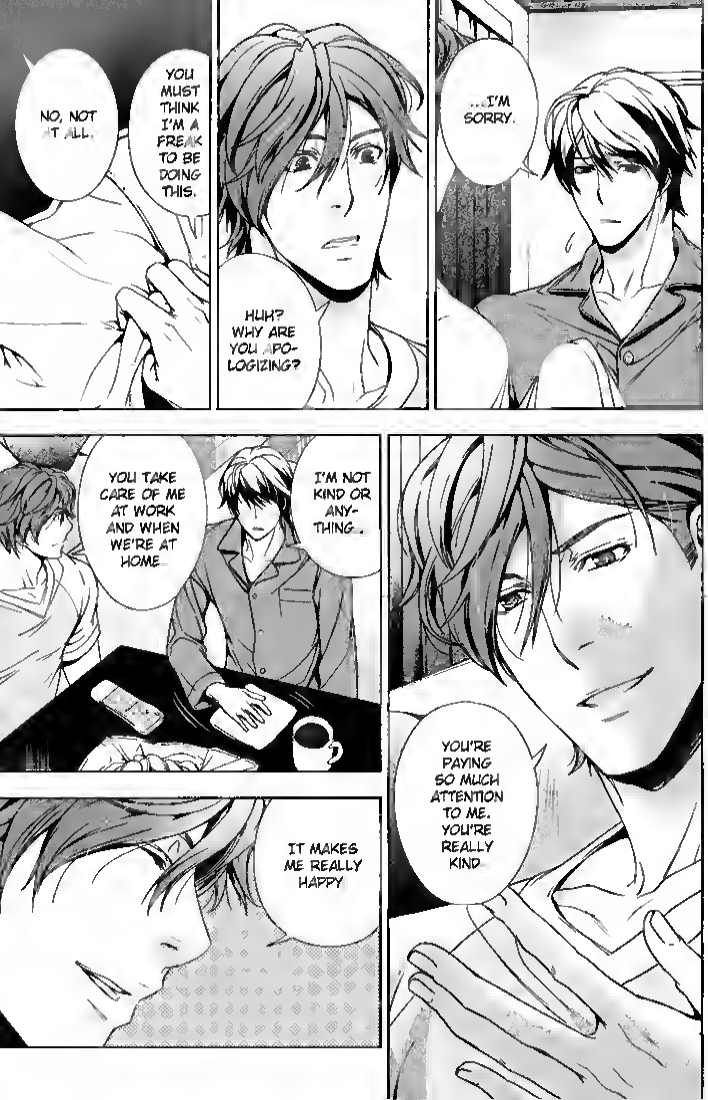
TOMORROW'S A DAY OFF, SO WE CAN HAVE LOTS OF FUN TONIGHT!
Did he look a little down hearted, or was I imagining it?
I KNOW, LET'S WATCH A MOVIE AT HOME!

WHAT A HANDSOME PROFILE!
AH!
click

I'M BEGGING YOU, DON'T LEAVE CRUMBS EVERYWHERE...
Crunch crunch

RUB
RUB
RUB
WE SHOULD TURN THE VOLUME DOWN A LITTLE BIT...!
Greasy fingers!
AAAAH!
gasp
dazed
Damn... Now I've done it...
18 YEARS AGO
IT'S MY TURN NOW!

MASAYUKI, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT
HOORAY, A LEVEL UP!
IF YOUR HANDS ARE DIRTY THERE ARE WET TISSUES.
THE CONTROLLER WILL GET ALL STICKY!
AGH HIS HANDS ARE COVERED IN CHOCOLATE AND HE'S TOUCHING THE BOOK!
haw haw
REALLY YOU TWO!
[illegible]'T YOU WIPE YOUR HANDS PROPERLY?
Mmm
wipe
wipe
munch munch
I only wanted my room to be clean...
ME NEITHER, HE'S SO ANNOYING.
I'M NOT GONNA PLAY WITH HIM ANYMORE.


...I'M SORRY.
HUH? WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING?
YOU MUST THINK I'M A FREAK TO BE DOING THIS.
NO, NOT AT ALL.
I'M NOT KIND OR ANYTHING.
YOU TAKE CARE OF ME AT WORK AND WHEN WE'RE AT HOME.
YOU'RE PAYING SO MUCH ATTENTION TO ME. YOU'RE REALLY KIND.
IT MAKES ME REALLY HAPPY

It's not like I'm doing this for him
SO IF MY HANDS ARE CLEAN NOW, I CAN TOUCH WHEREVER I LIKE?
HUH? YEAH
HOLD
!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO...
HUH? BUT YOU JUST SAID I COULD TOUCH WHEREVER I LIKE.
AH!
AS I THOUGHT, YOU'RE SENSITIVE... YOU'RE FEELING IT HERE, TOO.
HA... NGH...
MASAYUKI, YOU'RE AROUSED
I DIDN'T SAY— YOU COULD DO THIS...
Why am I reacting to him this way?
stiffen

NO... STOP IT... I DON'T WANT...
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO NEXT?
.....
LOOK AT YOU... ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT ME TO STOP?
IT'S NOT DIRTY AT ALL
NO! DON'T! IT'S DIRTY!
THAT... AGAIN.
IF IT MAKES MY BELOVED FEEL GOOD, I'LL DO ANYTHING

I'M... I'M COMING!
This feels incredible...
suck
suck
AAAAH!
TWITCH
DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T LIKE GETTING MESSED UP LIKE THIS.
I've ..done it again!..
pant
pant
pant

THEN WHY DID YOU REACT TO ME?
WHAT, YOU'RE SO EASY THAT YOU'LL REACT TO ANYONE?
OF COURSE NOT!
...I HAVE NO IDEA!
I'LL TELL YOU ONCE AGAIN, I DON'T LOVE YOU OR ANYTHING
IT'S HOLIDAY TOMORROW, WE HAVE A DAY OFF
SERIOUSLY I HAVE TO GET UP EARLY TOMORROW I'M GOING TO SLEEP
SHIT...

GOOD NIGHT!
OH, THEN GOOD NIGHT
THEN I'M GOING TO SLEEP BECAUSE I'M TIRED!
HE'S SO SWEET WHEN HE GETS NGRY...
Crackle
SLAM